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patrol. They're busy with child sexual assaults, you know, nonconsensual sexual contact, speeding. People want to see cars going 25 miles an hour in their neighborhood. That requires an officer to sit there and run his radar gun. Somebody said to me, well, maybe they shouldn't spend so much time patrolling. Come on. If you dial 911, you expect an officer to show up at your house. Can they find the money and scrape it together somewhere else? Well, they're going to have to, even if we pass this, because it's not coming back next year. But we have a problem that needs a solution, and the one-time funding of this...you know, and I'm actually opposed to the one-time funding, but if that's the deal that we can get this through on, I'm for it. The one-time funding of this is absolutely necessary so that we can put the plan together on how we're going to fund it in the future. But I would ask for your support of Senator Pederson's amendment. This is common sense if we want drug enforcement in Nebraska.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: It's, quite honestly, underfunded. And if you say no to this, then don't be surprised when you've got folks in small counties hanging out, using drugs, selling drugs, putting their plan together. Somebody said, well, we passed that LB 117 last year. Yes, we did. And admittedly, that tackled 20 percent of the problem. Eighty percent of the problem is brought into our state by vehicle, usually from the southwestern United States or Mexico. And then they hand it off to somebody in Franklin County, Nebraska, that's going to sell it to his buddies, and his buddies are going to sell it to their buddies, and before you know, we have a lot of people using meth, or crank, or cocaine, or whatever it is. We need to find a way to put a stop to the problem. And \$460,000 or \$428,000 isn't going to stop it, but it certainly isn't going to help the problem if we spend the money. It's going to do something, and it's doing something right now. Don't take us back 15 years, to where the police officer knocks on the door,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...doesn't see anything, and has to leave.